N-blasts have added to country's pride: Qadeer

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ISLAMABAD, Dec 31: It was in 1998, on May 28 and 30, that Pakistan added a new chapter of courage, pride, self-respect and valour to its history.

These observations were expressed by renowned nuclear scientist Dr A. Q. Khan while extending his felicitations for the new year.

Dr Khan said: "the combined strength of all of us enabled us to see the light of the day when we could be counted among the only seven countries of the globe having a nuclear capability." Furthermore, it was during this year that Pakistan successfully test-fired its intermediate range ballistic missile, "Ghauri", he said.

"Now, as we knock at the doors of 1999, it is time for all of us to forge unity in our ranks and join hands to make Pakistan a great country of the world in all respects. As the nation faces new challenges, particularly in the economic sector, I have all the faith that our joint efforts can thwart all such challenges," he added.